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ECA Supports the Cathedral Choir

One of the ECA's objectives is to support the activities of the Cathedral Choirs and we have just done that! As a result of some successful fund-raising during 2013 a cheque for £1,000 was presented to Andrew Lucas as a contribution towards choir funds.



Malcolm Bury, ECA Chairman and Andrew Lucas, Master of the Music

ECA Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Ex-Choristers' Association will be held on Sunday 27th April 2014 in the Deanery from 12.15 until 13.00. The Agenda and Committee Nomination papers are attached to this issue and they will also be sent out to members on our postal mailing list in due course together with a proposal to modify the paragraph 6.5 of the ECA constitution; Associate Membership. Those wishing to stay for lunch might like to make up a table either in the Abbott's Kitchen or the White Hart. Please put this date in your diary and try to attend this meeting.

Members' News - Congratulations

Former Head Chorister in the Abbey Girls Choir **Claire Innes-Hopkins** has been appointed Assistant Director of Music at Rochester Cathedral.

Peter Holder has been appointed Sub-Organist at HM Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, and for the next academic year, Pidem Organ Fellow at Royal Academy of Music.

Forthcoming Events

Dr Barry Rose OBE - 80th Birthday Celebrations



Barry Rose, former Master of the Music and a Vice President of our Ex-Choristers Association celebrates his 80th birthday on 24th May.

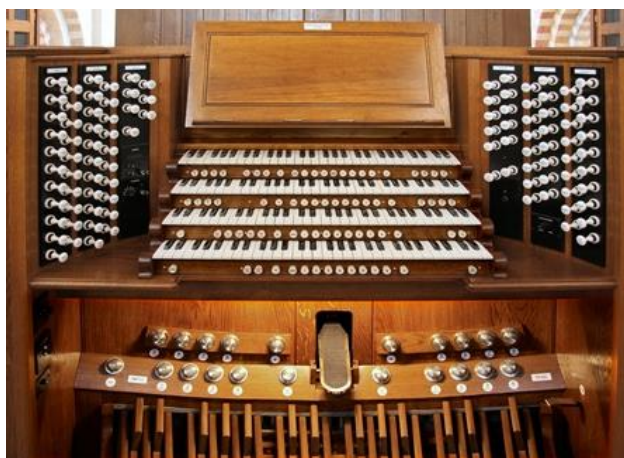
To mark this event a Service of Choral Evensong will be held in the Cathedral on Saturday 14th June to which all ex-choristers and ex-lay clerks who sang with Barry are invited, and to sing alongside our Cathedral Choir.

Barry will conduct the canticles, Walmisley in D Minor Magnificat and Stanford in B Flat Nunc Dimittis and also the anthem.

There will be a reception afterwards in North Transept to which those attending are invited.

Some of Barry's former friends and colleagues from Guildford Cathedral and St Paul's Cathedral will also be attending – and singing. It is also likely that there will be a dinner afterwards in one of the local restaurants.

Organ Recitals at the Cathedral



Come and listen to our magnificent Harrison Organ!

**16th April Michael Papadopoulos
Organ Scholar – St Albans Cathedral**

**5th May – Bank Holiday Monday
Prime Brass with Tom Winpenny**

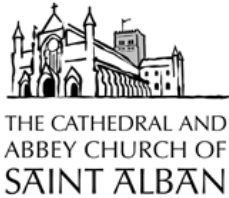
**14th May Sean Farrell
Organist, Wellington College
(former St Albans Organ Scholar)**

Response to Postal Addresses

Of the 70+ copies of Alban Notes Issue 26 that were sent out, including the letter requesting email addresses, only 8 members have responded. We will make one further attempt to reduce the number of copies sent out via the postal service, thereafter this method of distribution, other than those whom we know do not have email access, will cease.

ECA Website – An interesting Statistic

In the last period there were 68 unique visits to the ECA website – interestingly the analytics show that 4 were from Rio de Janeiro, 3 from Gurgaon (where?? ☺), 2 from Melbourne, 2 from New Delhi, 1 from Buenos Aires and 1 from Belize – our fame is spreading!



ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL EX-CHORISTERS' ASSOCIATION

April 2014

Annual General Meeting 12.15 pm Sunday 27th April 2014 The Deanery

Dear Members:

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held in The Deanery at 12.15 on Sunday 27th April 2014.

Nominations of Officers and Representatives should be returned to The Honorary Secretary, Maureen Adams at 29 Hamilton Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 4PZ or jadams01@ntlworld.com by no later than **Saturday 19th April 2014**.

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting and Matters Arising
3. Chairman's Report
4. Honorary Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Committee Members

The following officers are standing down and not seeking re-election: John Adams, Maureen Adams.

The following officers have indicated their willingness to remain on the committee: Malcolm Bury (Chairman), John Meager (Vice Chairman & Honorary Treasurer), Tony Price (IT Manager), Laura Hicks, Libby Godlee, Nicolas Gibbon and Trevor Jarvis.

6. Proposal to amend the ECA Constitution regarding membership

It is proposed to amend the constitution by redefining the category of Associate Membership and replacing it as below.

6.5 Associate Membership: (Current Clause)

Associate Membership shall be available, at the discretion of the Committee, to individuals who are or have been directly associated with the Cathedral Choirs and are interested in the well-being of the Ex-Choristers' Association. Associate Members may attend Association events but shall not be eligible to serve on the Management Committee nor have voting rights at any general meetings of the Association.

6.5 Proposed Amendment

Membership of the St Albans Cathedral Ex-Choristers Association is the exclusive right of those who have been privileged to take part as musicians in the service of the Cathedral. This includes ex boy/girl choristers, lay clerks, MOMs and AMOMs, organists/scholars and Precentors.

Friends of the ECA: for people who are, or have been, directly associated with the Cathedral Choirs and with whom the Association wishes to be in personal contact. They may be included by invitation and with the approval of the ECA committee and will receive all our communications and be invited to ECA events. Friends of the ECA shall not be eligible to serve on the Management Committee nor have voting rights at any general meetings of the Association.

Mailing List: for people whom we wish to attend our public events or who have requested such information

7. Any Other Business

NB:

In order to keep our administration costs to a minimum, the Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting are now available on the ECA Website/ but will be available to all members attending the 2014 Annual General Meeting.

Committee Nominations for the year to March 2015

Member's Name:

I shall/shall not be attending the AGM - I wish to nominate the following for the Committee:

Position	Nominee
Chairman	
Vice Chairman	
Honorary Treasurer	
Honorary Secretary	
Honorary IT Manager	
Representative – Abbey Girls Choir	
Representative – Abbey Girls Choir	
Representative – Cathedral Choir	
Representative – Cathedral Choir	

I should like to stay for lunch Yes / No *